

*Milton Police Department*

*Monthly Report  
To  
Mayor & Town Council*



*“Pride & Integrity”*

*February 21, – March 20, 2009*

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# MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**PRIDE**



**INTEGRITY**

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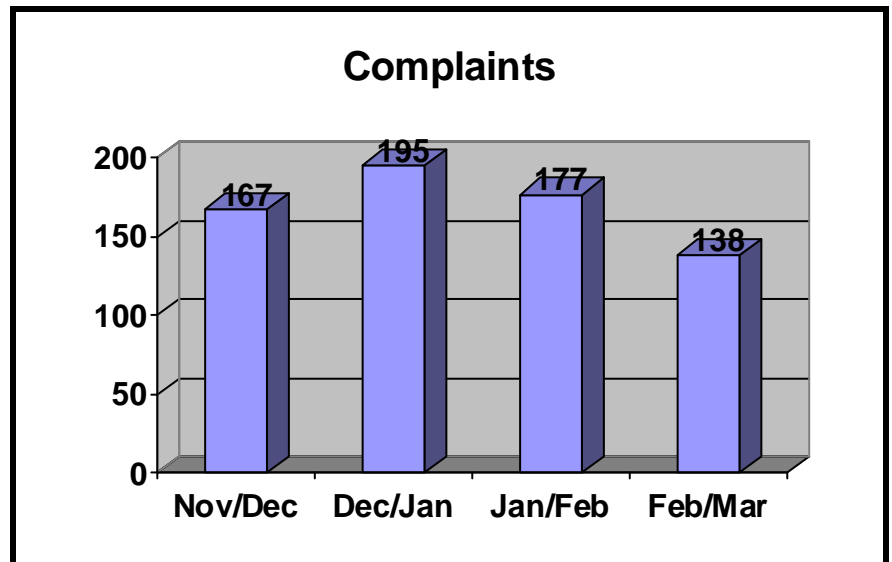
The Honorable Don Post, Mayor  
Members of Milton Town Council  
Town Hall  
Milton, DE 19968

Mayor Post and Council Members:

**The following is the report on Police Department activities from February 21– March 20, 2009.**

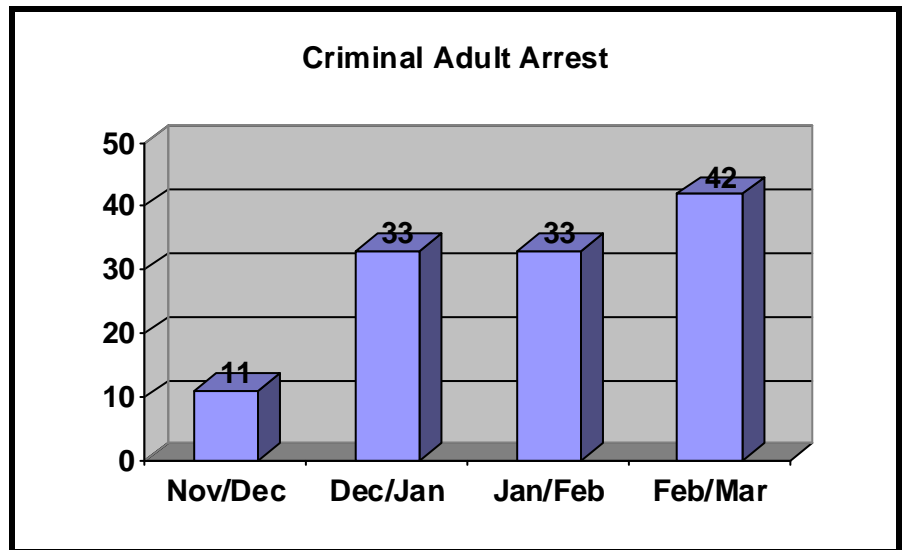
## Complaints

Total complaints received  
from **February 21 – March  
20, 2009** numbered 138.



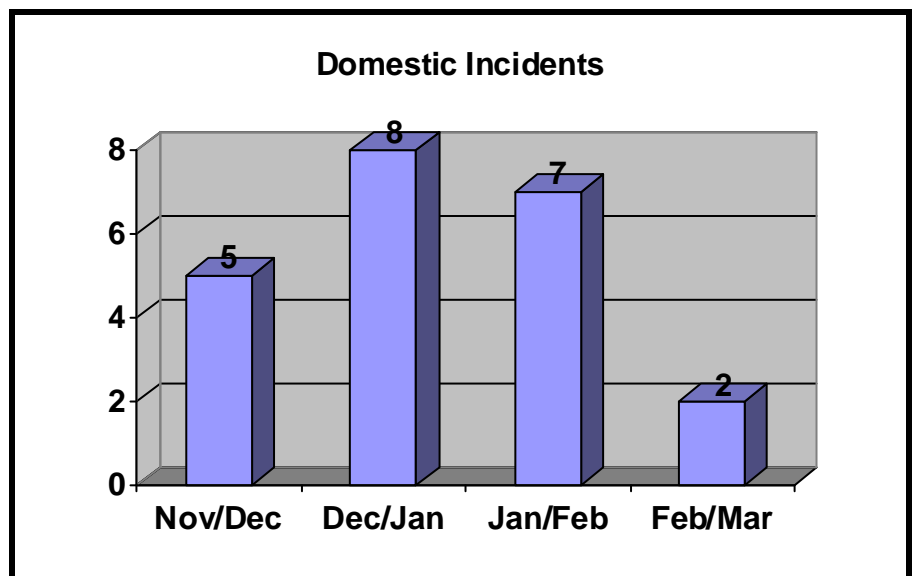
### Criminal Arrests

Total criminal arrests from  
**February 21 – March 20, 2009**  
numbered 42.



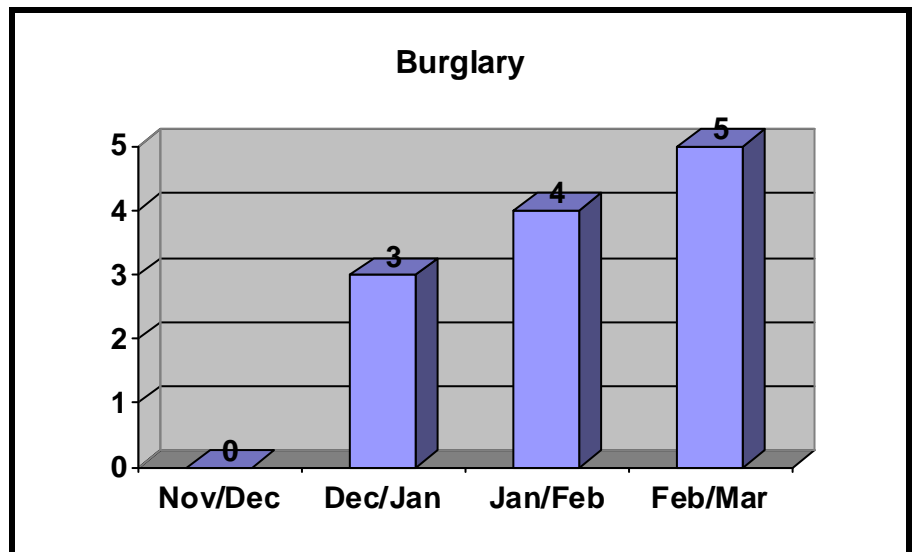
### Domestic Incidents

Total domestic incidents from  
**February 21 – March 20, 2009**  
numbered 2.

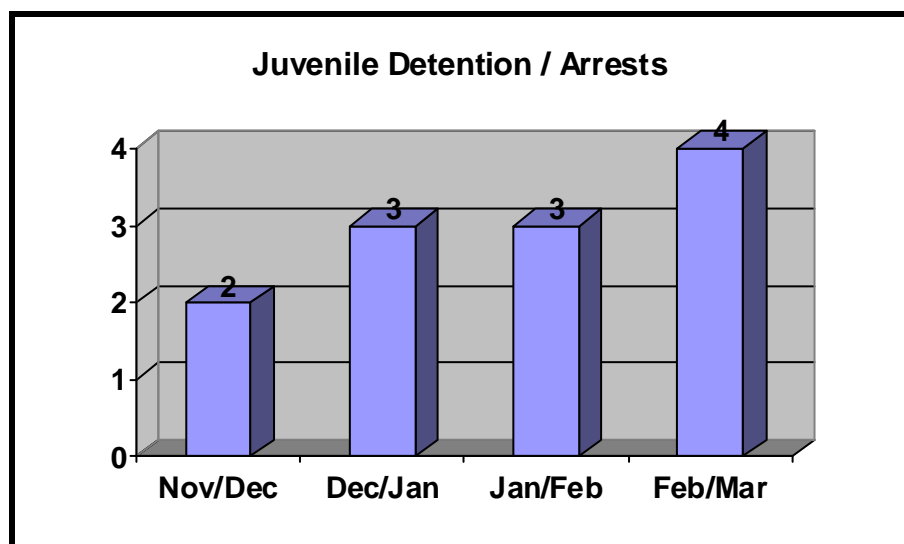


### Burglary

Total Burglaries from  
**February 21 – March 20, 2009**  
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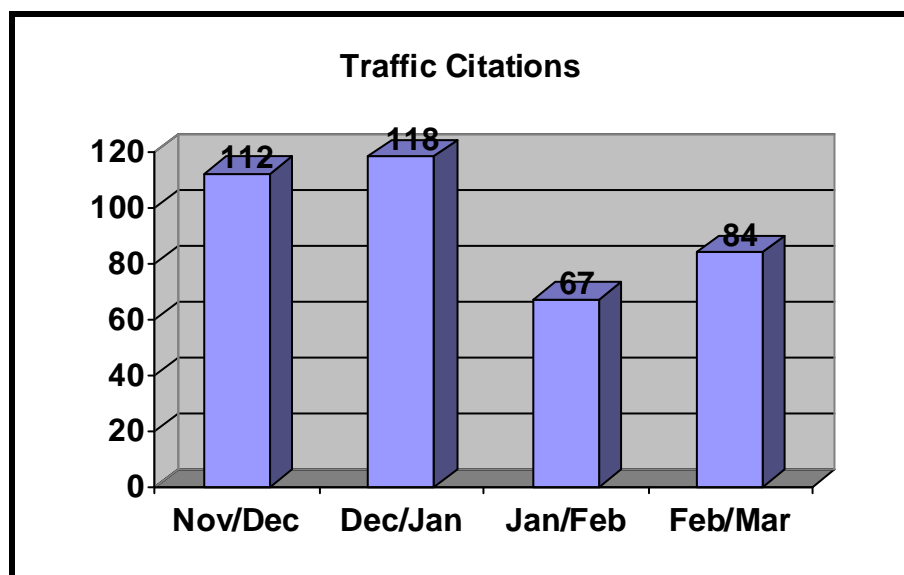


Total juvenile detention / criminal arrests from **February 21 – March 20, 2009** numbered 4.



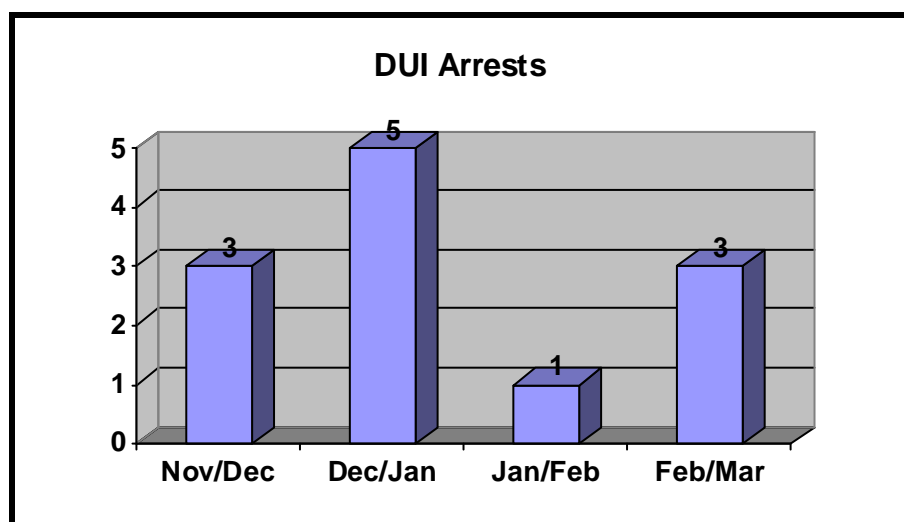
### Traffic Citations

The department issued 84 traffic citations from **February 21 – March 20, 2009**



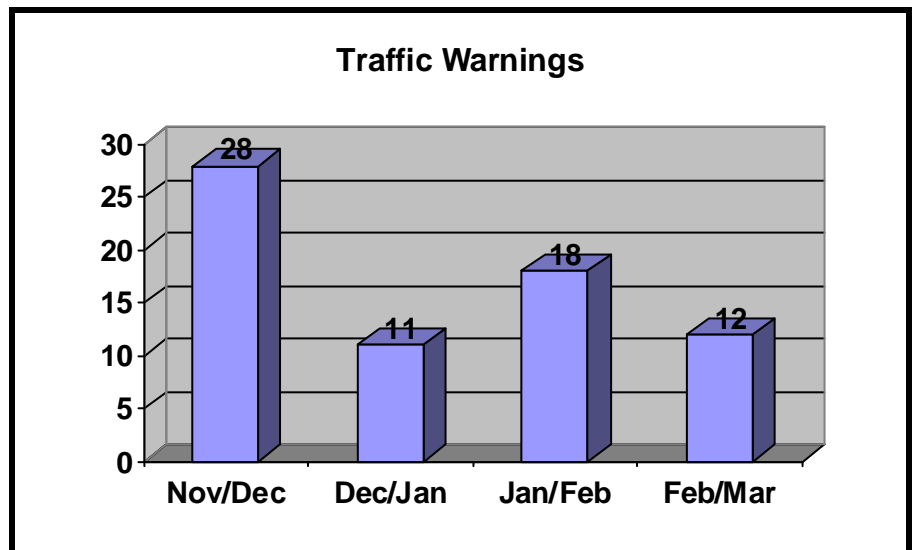
### DUI Arrests

The department made 3 DUI arrest(s) from **February 21 – March 20, 2009**.



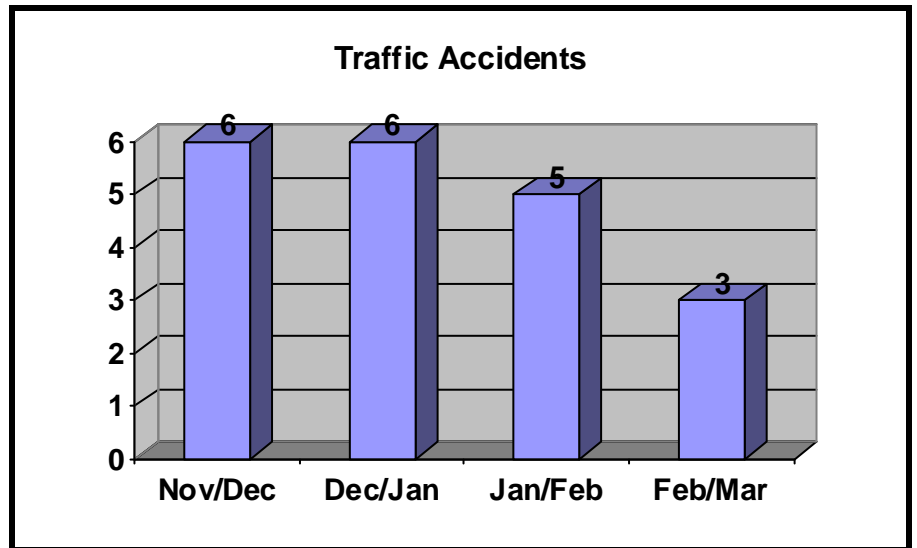
### Traffic Warnings

The department issued 12 traffic warnings from **February 21 – March 20, 2009**.



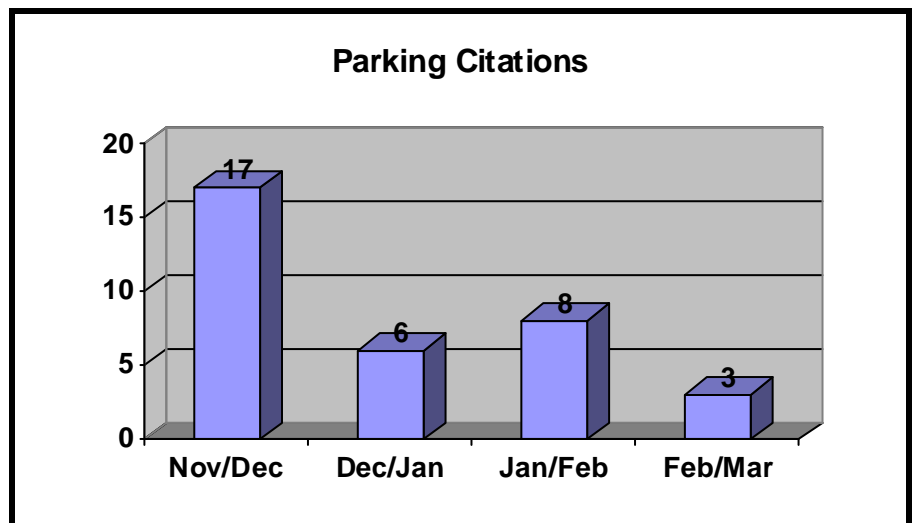
### Traffic Accidents

From **February 21 – March 20, 2009** police investigated 3 traffic accidents.



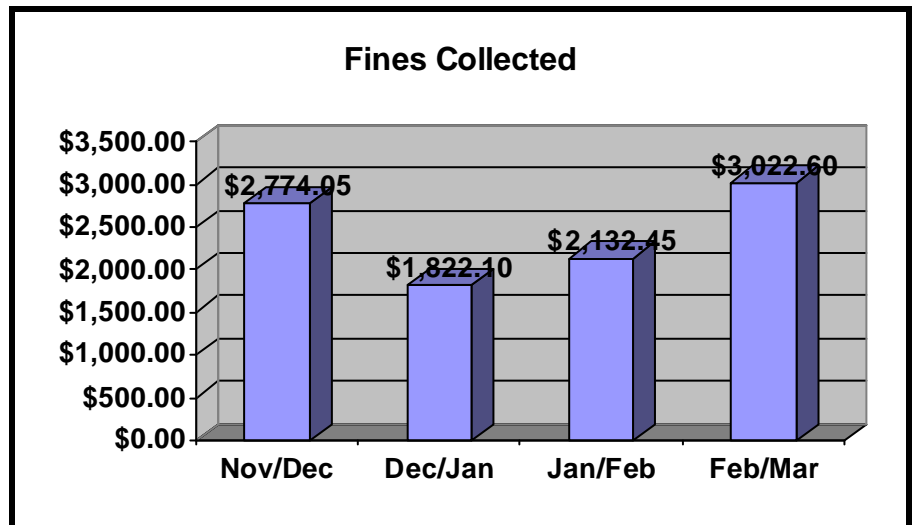
### Parking Citations

The department issued 3 parking citations from **February 21 – March 20, 2009**.



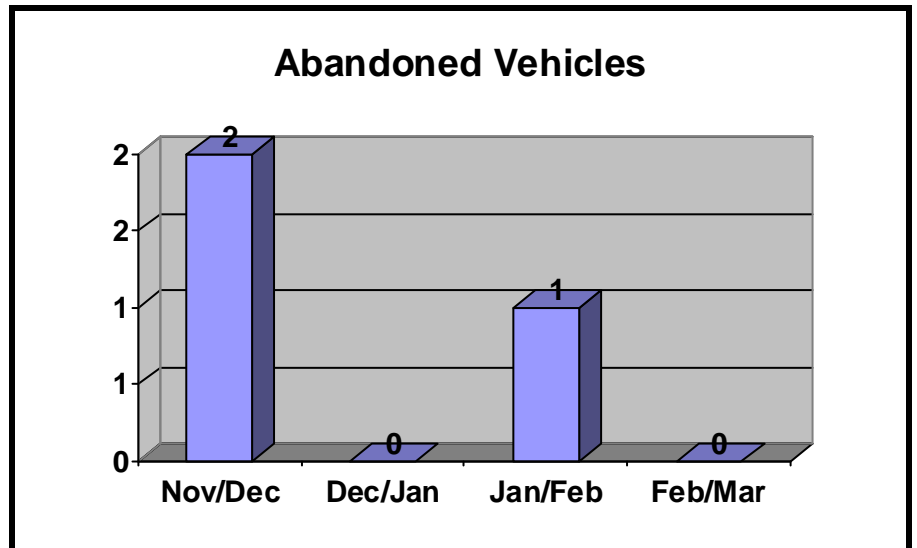
### Fines Collected

From **February 21 – March 20, 2009** police have received \$3,022.60 in fines.



### Abandoned Vehicles

From **February 21 – March 20, 2009** police have issued 0 abandoned vehicle notices.



The Milton Police Department is striving to better meet the needs of our community and would like to hear from its residents. Please take a moment and send us your questions, concerns, comments and ideas. Milton Police Department, 101 Federal Street, Milton, DE 19968 302-684-8547 or visit our new website [www.ci.milton.de.us](http://www.ci.milton.de.us) and click on the link to the police department and send an email. Please check out the Town's website and click on the link to the Police Department and click on the link to view local sex offenders within the state of Delaware.

## **News Releases**

Milton Police Department responded to a Burglary in Progress at Milton Landing Apartments on February 27, 2009 in the 1100 building. Milton Police were advised that witnesses observed three people in front of an apartment whose resident was not home at time. The witnesses observed Lindsay use a device to defeat the door lock and enter the residence while Parks and Shabazz stood outside as look outs. Lindsay appeared a short time later and then locked and shut the door and all three fled three doors down into an apartment. The witnesses were familiar with the resident of the burglarized home and called Police.

Milton Police responded to the witness location and obtained a description of the suspects and the location where they had gone. Milton Police located Lawrence Lindsay 19, of Milton De, Lashon G. Parks 20, of Wilmington, DE and Kristin H. Shabazz 22, of Milton, DE inside an apartment three doors down from the scene of the crime. All three matched the description and positive I.D. was obtained. All were charged with Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>, Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Attempted Theft pending later court date.

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On February 28, 2009 The Milton Police Department was notified of a harassment complaint in the Milton Landing Apartment Complex.

Milton Officers learned through investigation that 19 year old Lawrence Lindsay of Milton, attempted to contact a witness to a burglary that he was arrested for the day prior. Officers then created a warrant for harassment, a class A misdemeanor, which was approved for Lindsay's arrest.

On March 10, 2009 after several attempts to locate him, Lindsay turned himself in to the Milton Police Department where he was processed/finger-printed, and arraigned via video phone receiving \$2,000 unsecure bond pending a new court date.

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On February 28, 2009 the Milton Police Department was contacted by the victim of a burglary that occurred on Chestnut Street in Milton. The Milton Police Department learned that the suspect(s) entered the victim's residence on February 28, 2009 and stole approximately \$1,900.00 cash. Further investigation revealed that Camacho, along with her two and five year old children, drove Bennett and Brittingham to the area of the victim's residence. Bennett and Brittingham allegedly entered the victim's residence and stole the money while Camacho distracted the victim at another location in Milton.

The Milton Police Department arrested Nicole Camacho (24) of Lewes on March 4, 2009, Teveya Brittingham (20) of Georgetwon on March 6, 2009, and Lamonz Bennett (21) of Georgetown on March 20, 2009 for: burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>, conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, theft over \$1000, possession of burglar tools, criminal mischief, and 2 counts of endangering the welfare of child.

Camacho was committed to prison in default of \$9,100.00 secure bond, Brittingham was released on a \$10,500.00 unsecure bond, and Bennett was committed to prison in default of \$6,500.00 secure bond all pending a preliminary hearing in the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas.

## **Local Fugitive Arrests**

### **February 2009**

On February 27, 2009 while investigating a burglary in the Milton Landing apartment complex, Milton Officers arrested Avis Samuel (25) of Smyrna for an outstanding capias out of the Justice of the Peace Court 20 in New Castle County. Samuel was video arraigned and released on her own recognizance.

75-09-000335

### **March 2009**

On March 6, 2009; while conducting a traffic stop on State Route 5, a Milton Police Officer found Lakesha White (29) to have an outstanding capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas and the Justice of the Peace Court 2. Ms. White was video arraigned through Justice of the Peace Court 3 to which she was released on an unsecure bond.

75-09-000367

On March 7, 2009; Milton Officers stopped Tarlor Kreis (20) of Rehoboth Beach on Lavina Street for a traffic violation. Upon performing a traffic stop it was learned that Ms. Kreis was wanted out of the Rehoboth Beach Alderman's Court for failing to appear. Kreis was transported to the Milton Police Department and video arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 to which she received a \$100.00 unsecure bond, and was subsequently released.

75-09-000370

On March 8, 2009; Raymond Kelly (45) of Milton turned himself in at the Milton Police Department. Kelly was wanted for Violation of Probation, and was video arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 3 at which time he received a \$9,000 cash only bond, and was subsequently committed to SCI.

75-09-000375

On March 16, 2009; Virginia Diorio (45) of Wilmington walked in to the Milton Police Department for a background Check and was found to have 2 active capius' out of the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas. Diorio was video arraigned at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed on \$545 secure bond.

75-09-000428

On March 17, 2009; Milton Officers stopped Alton Houchens (31) of Milton, for a traffic violation. Upon further investigation it was found that Houchens was operating his vehicle with a suspended license. It was also learned that Houchens was declared a habitual offender for driving while suspended/revoked, and that he had an active capias out of the Sussex County Court of Common Pleas. Houchens was transported to the Milton Police Department, arraigned via video phone at the Justice of the Peace Court 2 at which time he received a \$262 unsecure bond. Houchens was then released after receiving 5 traffic tickets.



75-09-000431

## **DUI Arrests**

February 2009

N/A

March 2009

On March 17, 2009; while conducting saturation patrol, Milton Police Officers stopped Robert W. Jones (22) of Millsboro for a traffic violation on State Route 5. Upon approaching the vehicle, Milton Officer smelled marijuana emanating from inside of the vehicle. Upon further investigation, 3 grams of Marijuana was found to be in possession of the occupants. Subsequently, both Jones and his passenger John J. Schupp (22) of Millsboro were arrested for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jones, as well, was arrested for D.U.I. Drugs. Both Jones and Schupp were released on an unsecure bond.

75-09-000433

On March 17, 2009; Milton Officer responded to the area of Union Street and Federal Street for accident involving a light pole. Milton Officers observed the suspect vehicle leaving the scene and obtained a description. Milton Police Officer caught up to the vehicle and performed a traffic stop. Through further investigation Carlous Howell (36) of Milton, was Charged with D.U.I., leaving the scene of an accident, and failure to report an accident involving alcohol.

75-09-000434



## **Office of Highway Safety**

### **Nearly 400 Cited for Seat Belt Violations During Night Time Click It or Ticket Initiative**

March 4, 2009

Dover – Delaware law enforcement officers issued 390 citations for seat belt violations last week (Feb. 22-28) during the first *Click It or Ticket* campaign of 2009. The February enforcement and awareness effort focused on the importance of buckling up at night *as well as* in the daytime.

Safety officials say that the campaign came at a critically important time. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, 12 of the 16 (or 75%) drivers and passengers killed in motor vehicle crashes were not wearing seat belts.

“The lack of seat belt use in our fatal crashes is appalling,” said Andrea Summers, Community Relations Office of Highway Safety for the Office of Highway Safety. “What is incredibly sad is that even though we have our highest statewide seat belt use rate ever, far too many

people are dying on our roads because they didn't buckle up and many of these tragedies could have been prevented." Estimates are that seat belt use improves your chances of surviving a crash by up to 50%!

Not surprisingly, officers found more than just seat belt violations during enforcement activities. Fourteen law enforcement agencies statewide participated in the night time *Click It or Ticket* campaign. In addition to the 390 seat belt citations, and 13 child restraint citations, officers also arrested 13 individuals for DUI, apprehended 13 wanted individuals, made 9 drug arrests, 9 felony arrests and issued 545 citations for other traffic violations.

Two hundred seventy nine (279) of the 390 seat belt citations resulted from officers conducting saturation patrols in well lit areas. The remaining 111 seat belt citations came out of checkpoints conducted by six law enforcement agencies, which included: Delaware State Police Troop 1, Dover Police, Middletown Police, New Castle County Police, Smyrna Police, and Wilmington Police. Dover and Smyrna Police each made one DUI arrest at their checkpoints, the Smyrna Police additionally made a felony and a drug arrest at their checkpoint, and New Castle County Police apprehended a wanted individual at theirs.

Delaware's seat belt law requires all vehicle occupants, even back seat passengers, to be "properly" buckled up. "Properly" means that both lap and shoulder belts must be worn, and that the shoulder belt must be worn across the chest. The law allows officers to pull over a driver if he sees any person in the vehicle not wearing a safety belt. The ticket, which goes to the driver no matter who is unbuckled in the vehicle, is a \$25.00 fine plus court administrative fees.

Office of Highway Safety will conduct Click It or Ticket again in May along with the rest of the country. For more information on Delaware's seat belt law or *the Click It or Ticket* campaign, please visit the Office of Highway Safety's website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) and click on *Click It or Ticket* icon.

Checkpoint Activity	Campaign Totals
Number of checkpoints conducted	8
Number of Saturation Patrols	19
Seat Belt Arrests	390
Child Restraint Arrests	13
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	0
Drug Arrests	9
DUI Arrests	13
Wanted Person Apprehensions	13
Other Traffic Arrests	545

## **OHS Ask Public to Walk Smart and Ride Smart This Weekend**

***Warm weather and Daylight Saving Time brings concerns of increased risk for crashes and injuries as OHS begins pedestrian campaign.***

March 6, 2009

**Dover** – While Delawareans look forward to their first weekend of nice weather this year, State Highway Safety officials are a bit nervous. More people are expected to be out walking, bicycling and riding motorcycles than normal because of the cold and snowy weather we've had. With an increase in people using this kind of transportation (legs or two wheels) to get around, comes an increase risk for traffic crashes.

“We want to remind drivers, who haven't been used to seeing pedestrians, bicyclists, or motorcyclists out for the last few months, to be on the lookout for them this weekend. These people are extremely vulnerable to serious injury or death if they are struck because they don't have the protection of a vehicle around them,” said Andrea Summers, Community Relations Officer for the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. “At the same time we want to remind pedestrians and motorcyclists to be responsible while traveling on or near Delaware roads.”

OHS is launching its 2009 Walk Smart campaign this month to help remind walkers and motorists alike of the basics of pedestrian safety. The campaign will run during the initial spring months of March and April, then resume again for July and August. Like most other OHS campaigns, it will include a mix of both enforcement and awareness activities.

In March, pedestrian safety brochures, posters, informational emails and reflective lights will be distributed throughout the state, concentrating on high pedestrian areas. Law enforcement agencies including Delaware State Police, Dover Police, Milford Police, and Newark Police will begin conducting enforcement of the state's pedestrian safety laws. Most violations involve a base fine of \$25.00. Then in April, pedestrian safety messages will be spread through radio, billboards, and bus signage.

In 2008, 22 pedestrians were killed in motor vehicle crashes, a slight increase from 2007. Additionally, two pedestrians have already been killed in 2009. The average age of a pedestrians who are killed in Delaware traffic crashes is 45 and the location of fatal crashes varies across the state, but high fatal crash areas include Wilmington, New Castle County, Milford, and Dover and parts of Western Sussex County but not the beaches like many people think.

The primary factors cited in pedestrian fatal crashes are those who are walking under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, crossing the roadway outside of designated crosswalks or intersections, walking in the roadway, or walking at night without a flashlight or reflective material.

Everyone is a pedestrian at some point and time and the public is being asked to review and follow these safety tips:

- Walking or trying to cross a road if you have alcohol and/or other drugs in your system puts you at significant risk for being killed in a crash. Plus, impaired walking, like impaired driving is illegal.
- Be Visible – It's the law that you wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight when walking at night but people don't often think about this.
- Always cross at marked intersections or crosswalks when possible.
- Don't walk in the roadway – If no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic and walk as far from the edge of the roadway as possible.

- If your vehicle breaks down on an interstate or busy roadway, don't leave your vehicle. Instead call #77 or 911 for assistance. Motorists can also call #77 to report a disabled vehicle they see on the roadways.

OHS also wants to remind motorcycle operators to Ride Smart this weekend or whenever they are riding. Motorcyclists are encouraged to wear protective gear including long pants, sturdy shoes, eye goggles and a helmet. Cyclists should not ride on shoulders or between vehicles to pass them. At the same time, drivers of passenger cars should keep an eye out for motorcyclists by checking for them in their blind spots before changing lanes, and watching for their approach before pulling out at intersections.

**Don't Depend on the Luck o' Irish to Get You Out of a DUI**  
***Office of Highway Safety announces St. Patrick's DUI Enforcement***

March 11, 2009

**Dover** – The saying goes that “we’re all a little bit Irish on St. Patrick’s Day” because it has become a day of celebration for all people regardless of their background or ethnic heritage. However, too many tend to overindulge in their consumption of green beer and then decide to get behind the wheel of a vehicle afterwards, an act that can result in tragedy. Nationally, over the last five years, 38% of all St. Patrick’s Day deaths have been alcohol-related.

That’s why the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is coordinating statewide DUI enforcement for the upcoming weekend as well as St. Patrick’s Day itself. A total of 5 sobriety checkpoints and 80 DUI Saturation patrols are scheduled to take place.

All five checkpoints are set to take place on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, along with 31 of the DUI Saturation Patrols. Agencies conducting checkpoints include: Dover Police, Georgetown Police, Rehoboth Beach Police, Smyrna Police, and the New Castle County DUI Task Force which will conduct a checkpoint in Wilmington. This is also the night of the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Loop (or Shamrock Shuttle) which involves activities at several Wilmington bars. OHS has placed a designated driver message on Loop bracelets that every participant must wear throughout the night.

While many people will likely do their St. Patrick’s partying over the weekend, other still will hold out until the actual holiday to have their green bee or Irish whiskey. So on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, police from 19 state and local police agencies will conduct saturation patrols starting as early as 7 p.m. and continuing through 3 o’clock in the morning. Last year, police arrested 34 individuals for DUI during St. Patrick’s Day enforcement activities.

In addition to the enforcement, radio ads making listeners aware of the upcoming enforcement and encouraging the use of designated drivers are being aired on radio stations statewide starting today, Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Posters featuring both enforcement and designated driver messages have been sent to businesses statewide through OHS’s Corporate Outreach program, and will be distributed over the next few days to bars and restaurants in each county.

In 2008, 34% (42 of 122) of all vehicle deaths in Delaware were alcohol related. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> this year, two of the 20 motor vehicle fatalities have been alcohol-related.

**Early St. Patrick's Weekend Results – 38 Arrested for DUI**  
***41 Patrols and one checkpoint planned for St. Patrick's Day itself***

March 16, 2009

**Dover** – A St. Patrick's weekend enforcement blitz resulted in 38 arrests for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol/and or drugs. Twenty-nine of the DUI arrests came from sobriety checkpoints conducted by the New Castle County DUI Task Force and the Rehoboth Beach Police Department. The remaining nine DUI arrests were the result of DUI saturation patrols conducted by law enforcement agencies statewide.

In addition to the 38 DUI arrests, officers also apprehended 9 wanted individuals, made 6 drug arrests, 6 felony arrests, seized one weapon, and issued 28 speeding citations, 14 seat belt citations, 1 child restraint citations, and 144 citations for other traffic offenses.

Though many people celebrated St. Patrick's Day over the weekend, others will hold out until the 17<sup>th</sup> to have their green beer or Irish whiskey. ON Tuesday the Georgetown Police Department is scheduled to conduct their checkpoint originally scheduled for this past weekend, and police from 19 state and local police agencies will also operate DUI saturation patrols starting as early as 7 p.m. and continuing through 3 o'clock in the morning.

This enforcement effort is coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) as part of its ongoing *Checkpoint Strickeforce* campaign. Nationally, over the last five years, 38% of all St. Patrick's Day deaths have been alcohol-related.

### **13 Arrested for DUI on St. Patrick's Day**

***Among arrests: Driver flees Georgetown checkpoint, Seaford nets \$7k in cash plus drugs***

March 18, 2009

**Dover** – Delaware law enforcement officers arrested 13 people for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol/drugs during St. Patrick's Day enforcement activities coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Two of the DUI arrests came from checkpoints conducted by the Georgetown and Smyrna Police Departments, while the remaining 11 were the result of DUI saturation patrols conducted by 18 state and local police agencies.

Officers conducting enforcement made a couple of notable arrests. A Laurel man suspected of DUI fled from the Georgetown PD's checkpoint. When he initially pulled up to the checkpoint, officers smelled the odor of marijuana and alcohol, and saw a beer sitting in the console of the vehicle. After a chase, he was apprehended and his vehicle searched. The search revealed approximately 8 grams of marijuana and 26 grams of crack along with \$290.00 in cash. He was arrested on multiple charges including DUI, drug possession, and his vehicle was seized.

Seaford Police officers conducting a DUI saturation patrol Tuesday night stopped an individual and discovered not only drugs but also a passenger smoking marijuana. Officers seized the vehicle and \$7,000.00 in cash along with marijuana and Percocet. The driver faces several charges including misdemeanor and felony drug charges, as well as charges of failing to stop at the command of a police officer.

In addition to the 11 DUI arrests on St. Patrick's Day, officers also issued 1 citation for an underage drinking violation, apprehended 1 wanted individual, made 18 drug arrests, 13 felony arrest, and issued 15 citations for speeding, 10 for seat belt violations and 117 for other traffic violations.

Tuesday's arrests bring the total DUI arrests for the St. Patrick's Day Enforcement effort which included weekend checkpoints and saturation patrols to 52. Campaign totals for other arrest include: 3 underage drinking violations, 10 wanted persons apprehended, 24 seat belt violations, 1 child restraint law violation and 287 other traffic violations.

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**THE MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED IN MAINTAINING A  
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICE DEPARTMENT DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE  
QUAILTY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF MILTON WHILE  
ENFORCEING THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE.**